

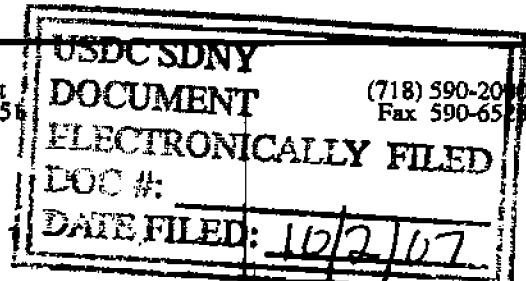


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Hon. Frank Maas
United States Magistrate Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 740
New York, New York 10007

MEMO ENDORSED

Re: Vernon Neil v. James Walsh, Supt.
07 Civ. 6685 (DLC)

Your Honor:

On September 4, 2007, I was assigned to respond to the above-referenced pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Pursuant to the Honorable Denise Cote's Order, my answer to the petition is due on October 5, 2007. I am respectfully requesting a ninety-day extension, until January 3, 2008, to file my answer. There have been no prior requests made for an extension.

I am requesting this extension because I require the trial and sentencing transcripts to adequately respond to the allegations in the petition, but because the transcripts are currently in an off-site storage facility, I will not receive the transcripts for several more weeks. Additionally, Judge Cote's order directs the respondent to file the transcripts with our answer to the petition.

I, therefore, respectfully request that Your Honor grant my extension request, to January 3, 2008, for me to file a full answer to the petition. I do intend to file my answer as expeditiously as possible, and hope not to require any further extensions. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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*So ordered. Mr. Neil
May, if he wishes, file
reply papers by February
1, 2008.
FMA, USMJ,
10/1/07*